

The Senate Public Safety Committee offered the following substitute to SR 570:

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for comprehensive immigration reform and requesting that the United
2 States Congress reject any legislative efforts to enact unfair and ineffective immigration
3 policies; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, our nation's immigrants have made invaluable contributions to the progress of
5 the great State of Georgia and the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, immigrants continue to enrich the social, economic, cultural, and civic life of
7 our country and our communities; and

8 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform policies must recognize the contribution of
9 newcomers, as well as the important role that immigrant workers and their families play in
10 the future growth of our cities, state, and nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia is a great destination for international visitors and international
12 businesses, and efforts to recruit international visitors and businesses must be supported; and

13 WHEREAS, in order to best ensure our nation's security, our immigration enforcement
14 measures must be effective and fair; and

15 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform should provide legally present and
16 law-abiding immigrant workers and their families with an opportunity to obtain permanent
17 residency, and eventually United States citizenship, through an earned legalization program
18 with fair, efficient, and reasonable requirements, and such a program should also include
19 provisions to reunify families and reduce the immigration family backlog; and

20 WHEREAS, it is necessary that legislation aimed to reform immigration laws actively further
21 the civic integration of newcomers by promoting naturalization and making more resources
22 available for English-as-a-Second-Language and civics instruction; and

23 WHEREAS, any legislation considered must address the fundamental cause of immigration
24 to the United States, which is the need for sustainable social, economic, and political
25 development in the communities where immigrants originate.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 request that the United States Congress reject any legislative efforts to enact unfair,
28 inefficient, and ineffective immigration policies.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body request that the United States
30 Congress enact comprehensive immigration reform that addresses all of the important above
31 stated facts and issues.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
34 congressional delegation.